



Talbot County Commission on Aging

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

Location: Brookletts Place – Talbot Senior Center
400 Brookletts Ave.
Easton, MD 21601

Members Present: Amy Keller; Rachel Smith; Lynn Mielke; Wendy Palmer; Childlene Brooks; Kathlen Dormody; Jacqueline Kreinik; Lee Newcomb; Veda Gibson; Kate Stinton; Herb Cain; Jenna Marchi; Ellen Taggert; Sandy Wieland; Jen Pierson; Megan Murray; Grace Lyons

Members Absent: Carrie Ottey;

Guests: Marion Donahue

1. Call to Order: 8:31am

2. Approval of April Minutes:

Motion to Approve: Wendy Palmer, 2nd- Kathleen Dormody

3. Treasurer's Report: No report

4. Old Business:

A. Openings on the Commission

- 1 Open position at this time – Megan Pinder resigned
- Pending- Marion Donahue

B. Vote for new officers:

Chairperson: Rachel Smith Nominated by Ellen Taggert, Jenna Marchi 2nd, All in favor

- Vice Chairperson: Wendy Palmer Nominated by Rachel: Ellen Taggert 2nd, All in Favor
- Treasurer: Megan Murray: Rachel Smith nominated; Ellen Taggert 2nd, All in Favor
- Secretary: Lee Newcomb and Carrie Ottey: Rachel Smith Nominated; Jenna Marchi 2nd; All in Favor

5. Sub-Committee Updates

A. Senior Task Force – Jenna



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- Updates from monthly meeting (Second Thursday of the month at the Health Department @ 10:00 AM)
- May meeting postponed until May 28, 2026
- Developing a preliminary report to the County Council- June 9
- Surveyed members of task force to develop a focus: Shelter

B. *Senior Resource Fair – Jen*

- Event Date: May 20, 2026, | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Vendor Set-up- 9am
- 46 confirmed vendors
 - Door prizes vendor responsibility
- Follow-up emails sent to those who have not paid
- Jamie confirmed for pit beef (\$11/meal); lunch tickets created

Advertising (Total: \$1,696.00):

- Facebook – ongoing
- Talbot Spy – April 15 at 4:00 PM (Megan & Jen)- Completed
- Senior Housing Newsletters – Megan completed
- Flyers – distribution underway (mid-April), Amy will laminate. Sandy and Ellen will distribute
- DCT – Jenna completed
- Radio (WHCP/WAMU/WCEI) – Jen to add to the radio station calendar
- Website – event listed
- Attractions – not being pursued

Volunteers:

- 2 SSPP students (1:00–2:00 PM)

Entertainment:

- 10:15 AM – Movement with Melody
- 11:00 AM – YMCA (Balance/Stability/Arthritis)
- 12:00 PM – Bay Country Chorus

Giveaways & Supplies:

- 500 tote bags (check-in)
- 300 magnifying glasses (COA table)
- Grace to pick up items (week of April 6)



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- Megan to purchase water, tablecloths, and coffee
- Door Prize- Crock pot

C. Marketing – Website / Social Media / Email

Newsletter: Volunteer Lead, Wendy Palmer & Jacqueline Kreinik

Talbot Spy Interviews:

- Q1: Fraud & Scams – Lee Newcomb (2/11)
- Q2: Senior Resource Fair – Jen April 15 @ 4:00 PM
- Q3: Senior Task Force
- Q4: Shore Neurocognitive Health

Website Update:

- Amy Keller photo needed

D. Nursing Home Sub-Committee – Jen & Kate

Phone call with State Ombudsman: Jen

Bill passed to allocate 2 million to state ombudsmen's program

Bill passed new regulations on inappropriate NH discharges

Volunteer ombudsmen program

Task force had recent involvement with The Pines

More support for Rural areas- possibly more funding for ombudsmen positions

Letter sent to legislatures and heard back from Tom Hutchison

Working on bills to address concerns

Short-Term Goals:

- Web-based resource guide (target June) – Rachael Cox
- One-stop resource hub

Resource Guide Topics:



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- Nursing Home vs. Rehab
- Navigating websites
- Medicare vs. Managed Medicare
- Veteran resources
- Reporting concerns

Next Meeting: First Tuesday of each month | 8:30 AM

E. Senior Supply Drive: Carrie & Wendy (February 2027)

6. New Business:

- Group Photo

7. Updates:

- Ellen located advertising
- Kathleen Dormody reported that Partners in Care no longer has an office in Easton and all requests are being handled by the Pasadena office
- Upper Shore Aging
 - Ad posted for part time ombudsmen position for Talbot County
 - Talbot County MOW- 120 recipients; Grab & Go- 75 recipients
 - Ongoing recruitment of volunteers
 - Unused funds from another account were transferred to MOW
 - Meals going to senior living facilities
 - Food contract will be open for rebidding

8. Adjournment: 9:35 am

Next Commission Meeting: June 10, 2026, | 8:30 A.M.

Vision

Enhance the quality of life for all seniors in Talbot County.

Mission

The Commission on Aging will advise the Talbot County Council on issues affecting seniors and advocate for change.



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